

DEAR EDITOR

Methods Questioned

Editor
Torrance Press
The campaign to incorporate Lomita is apparently to be carried out with the aid of hired professionals to promote, indoc-

trinate and influence people to vote yes.

It is understood that one party has been offered \$8500 to promote it. The same individual was the one who was employed to get the signatures assuring

enough signers to put incorporation on the ballot.

Women were hired for this effort from the State Unemployment offices and paid 25c per signature—the signatures themselves were gotten in any way possible.

Sons were allowed to sign for fathers, wives for husbands. Some were told it was a petition against annexation to Torrance and in most cases no statement of the petition ac-

companied the papers these people signed.

One would think that only valid signatures would be counted but that is not the case. There is only one way to contest the signatures and that is through a lawsuit against those who signed for the validity of those signers.

It is suggested, however, that those people who know that their signatures were obtained and used illegally write a letter addressed to the board of supervisors, Room 500, Hall of Records Bldg., Los Angeles. Also Vince Thomas, our assemblyman, would be interested to know about this.

Sincerely,
Dessie Myers,
President,
Lomita Property Owners and Registered Voters, Inc.

Rock and Roll
Editor,
Torrance Press:

Yesterday, Sunday, I witnessed a disgusting situation. I went to the Stadium at 2 p.m.; the theatre was filled to the brim. The public, almost all children. Approximately 80 per cent were under the age of 10.

The two features were good ones, but at the intermissions, oh pity my ears. Music was no music, but a frenzied, ugly noise; an actually disturbing mixed cacophony of shrilling instruments called "Rock and Roll" or jazz.

Is this music for little children? Will today's children be raised to learn that this is what civilization calls music?

True we are a free country, however, not so free as to let certain individuals spoil our children.

Filling little children's ears with such noises in my opinion compares with allowing them intoxicating drinks, dope or indecent literature. I am sure that our Board of Education could do something about this deplorable situation.

There were barely a dozen adults in the theatre in an audience of 1000 children. Consequently there was no supervision at all. No wonder unscrupulous or irresponsible people will do as they please with the souls of our children.

Children of 7-8 jumped up and down on their seats, their nerves excited with the wild "Rock and Roll" intermission music, as if doped or hypnotized. Is this supposed to be good? There is enough fine, good music available. Would it not be a lot better to feed these little souls with good melodies, which they can hum and sing than subject them to listen to such filthy, crazy and senseless noises?

I appeal to the Board of Education and other responsible authorities to step in and look into this seriously. We want to keep our society healthy.

(s) Marc Bergerac

Superintendent Of Schools Criticizes Press Editorial

Editor,
Torrance Press

Pertaining to your front page editorial of February 28 I have this observation to make.

You have the right to express justified or unjustified dissatisfaction with the handling of public business, but not the right to misrepresent the facts.

The facts are that the petition pertaining to a student pedestrian entrance at Marion avenue for South High school was passed around the table for all the board members to see in your presence.

The Board members all had a chance to read it, as well as the opportunity to hear its author discuss it, and the item was number 18 under section VI of the agenda.

Your editorial quite overlooks the fact that this was the first time the matter had come up, that it was an information item and that there was no recommendation for action.

Your criticism shows misunderstanding of how the Board operates. For your information, the Board acts only after it has all available facts and information and has arrived at a meeting of minds.

When this stage has been reached, naturally there is no dissension in decisions because we are all of one mind working for the welfare of children.

Operating schools in an atmosphere of dissension is not good for children nor for staff members.

That is why one of the Board policies, Number 1001, reads: "It is the intention of the Board of Education of the Torrance Unified School District to provide a harmonious environment for the school system."

May I suggest that you do your part as a community service in helping us to achieve this objective.

Yours very truly,
(S) J. M. Hull, Secretary
Board of Education

P.S. At the recent convention in Atlantic City we superintendents heard an important speaker tell us that one of the moral requirements of a democratic leadership regardless of his medium of communications is that "he must be one who unites us rather than divides us in our thinking and planning for the future."

EDITOR'S NOTE: We are all for giving the Board of Education the facts—ALL the facts.

But it does not follow that, given the facts, Board members must all be of one mind.

It is strange that school officials who stress the concept of individual differences in the whole educational philosophy, on the one hand, strive for straight-jacket thinking

Safe Flying

Editor,
Torrance Press

This is in answer to a story that appeared in the LA Mirror Friday evening, March 1, about Lomita businessman Malcom Cameron circulating a petition against expansion of the Torrance airport.

According to Mrs. Dessie Myers, president of the Lomita Property Owners' assn., planes are violating the flight pattern and flying as low as 100 feet at Narbonne ave. and 254th st. May I put a very simple question to Mrs. Myers: have not the Torrance Police and Sheriff's depts. told you over and over that the only way they can put a stop to this type of flying, is that you or anyone report the license number of the plane to them and they would take care of it from there on?

In the article, Mrs. Myers blasted the enforcement of flight violations.

Now Mrs. Myers, how can anyone enforce the flight regulations when you will not do as you are told and report these numbers to the Sheriff's dept.

Just don't try and take it upon yourself to be the judge and jury and prosecute every flyer at the Torrance airport, because of a few thoughtless ones. If these planes are flying only at a 100 ft., as you say, it should be very easy to read the number. Each plane carries it on the bottom of the left wing, and can be read easily at 300 to 1000 ft. Most of the pilots using the Torrance airport are young people, some from Lomita. So why don't you and Mr. Cameron try and do as you were told by the Sheriff's dept. for once, and don't condemn all the fine flyers at the airport for a few thoughtless ones.

I have flown in and out of the Torrance airport for 8 years now and 99 per cent of the flyers I know do keep within the flight pattern.

So if the ones who are so concerned about this problem at the airport will just quit acting like a couple of children and do as they were advised to do in the first place, this violation of the Torrance airport flight pattern will be stopped. Let's help these young people, and not try and handcuff them because of a thoughtless few.

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when it comes to school matters considered by the Board of Education, on the other hand.

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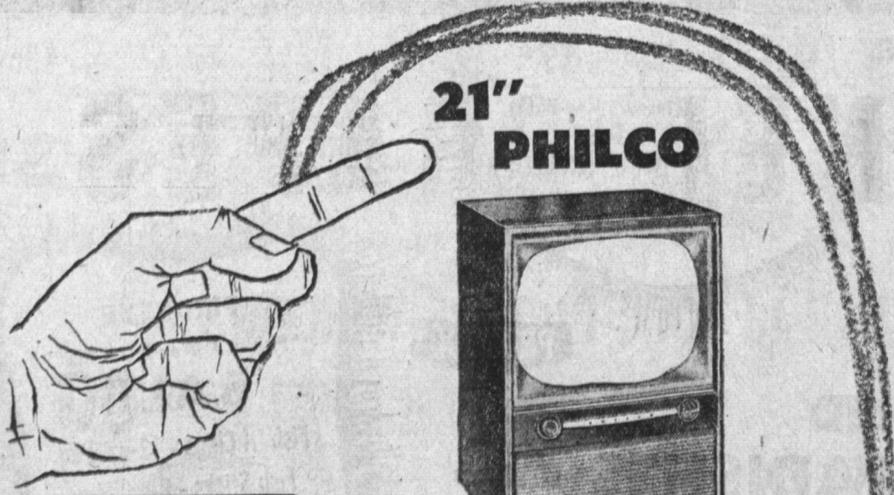
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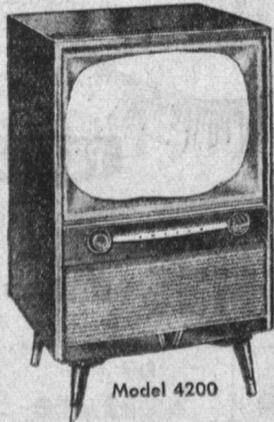
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